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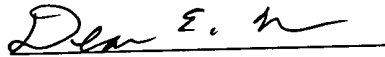
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Pursuant to the duty of candor and good faith required of each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a U.S. patent application, Applicant hereby discloses the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO Form SB/08. A copy of each of the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO Form SB/08 is enclosed. Applicant requests that these document(s) be considered and made of record in this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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